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LAW SCHOOL RECEIVES 200 APPLICATIONS

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MISSOULA--

Two hundred applicants are competing for 75 places in the class to enter the School of Law at the University of Montana in the fall of 1979, announced Margery H. Brown, acting dean of the law school.

The number of applications is only slightly lower than last year, Brown noted. This is in keeping with the pattern across the country, as reflected by the decrease in the number of people taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

The UM law school admissions committee completed its first review of applications by March 25. Applications that were received on or before Feb. 1 were considered in the first review. About one half of the entering class was selected from the early group.

The remainder of the class will be selected by the end of April. The admissions committee will consider in its final review all applications received between Feb. 1 and March 1, as well as those placed in a "hold" category after the initial review. The committee will compile a waiting list to fill spaces left open by applications who decline the invitation to enroll in the School of Law.

Pursuant to a policy established by the law faculty in June 1977, the most important criteria for admission will be the cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and the score on the LSAT. The admissions committee also weighs such factors as college or university attended, trend in college grades, quality of work in difficult courses, change in performance after an absence from college, and experience prior to application to law school, including graduate study.

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